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It's no longer a secret that the country is drowning in trash problems. Recycling is now largely trash. Trash is trash. We are only accelerating the demise of our only home planet when we should be helping save it. There should be a CRUCIAL push to make less waste from the beginning. A focus should be on businesses and households to buy products that do not rely on rubbish or recycling services as we can see they fail us. Rather, using reusable for food items should be the aim. A sanitary way of BYO for purchasing animal products from delis and supermarkets, fresh produce entirely in reusable mesh/cloth/etc bags, and where only absolutely necessary by no other means, all plastic for processed foods should be plant-derived and biodegradable certified (NOTE: NOT degradable as this just accelerates micro-plastics).

When it comes to accessories, toys, furniture and other goods, laws need to come into effect to put under scrutiny the sources of these virgin ingredients. Plant-sourced should be mandatory instead of accelerating carbon emissions by using fossil fuels to create plastic. Incentives should be put in place to make creating products from natural fibres or products more attractive for businesses.

These changes will drastically save the councils and governments money with a drastic reduce in the need for trash and recycling waste. It make no economical sense to ignore these suggestions. I appreciate your time. Thank you.

Rebecca.

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